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Grantland Johnson
Agency Secretary
California Health and Human Services Agency
1600 Ninth Street, Suite 460
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Asthma Strategic Plan

Dear Secretary Johnson:

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) is pleased to endorse the 2002 Strategic Plan for Asthma in California. The plan considers many of the issues and needs identified at the August 2001 conference in San Diego on the Environment and Childhood Asthma sponsored by the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO). This conference presented the opportunity for you and I, and many health professionals from both our agencies, to make a commitment to work together to reduce asthma morbidity in California, especially among children.

The 2002 Strategic Plan for Asthma in California provides the framework for our agencies to collaboratively develop an implementation plan to address asthma that significantly advances public health in California. That collaboration has been fostered by participation of the California Department of Health Services, Cal/EPA Children's Environmental Health Center, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, California Air Resources Board and other Agency staff in the ECOS and ASTHO-sponsored workshops to develop an Asthma Action Agenda for the states. I am very encouraged by the teamwork demonstrated by our Agencies, which now includes the California Interagency Asthma Interest Group. I look forward to future collaboration as we collectively meet the challenges to reducing asthma morbidity in California.

Sincerely,

Winston H. Hickox
Agency Secretary

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